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To: Each Department Head

From: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

LAO'S OPTIONS FOR ADDRESSING THE STATE'S FISCAL PROBLEM: 2002-03

Attached is a paper prepared by the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) describing options for the Legislature's consideration as it takes up the daunting task of closing a State budget gap that the LAO estimates exceeds \$17 billion. Given the magnitude of the task and the limited number of options available, especially in an election year, the LAO's list is likely to receive serious consideration. Consequently, our Intergovernmental Relations Branch is requesting your assistance in evaluating these options in terms of their fiscal and policy impacts on the County. Your comments will help to guide our advocacy efforts.

Attached is a matrix form on which we would like you to list the options that affect your department, including your evaluation of any fiscal and policy impacts. If additional space is required for your comments, include them on a separate page. Be sure to indicate a contact person in case we need to request additional information. If none of the options affect your department, just write "No Impact" and return the form so that we will know when all departments have reported.

To simplify and expedite your review, the options are grouped as follows:

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While the General Government options relate to State government, some of them would impact local governments if adopted.

Please return your completed form by March 25 either by mailing it to John Redmond, Room 723, Hall of Administration, or by faxing it to him at (213) 633-5141. If you have any questions, he can be reached at (213) 974-1348.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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c: Board of Supervisors

Attachments